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1. Introduction

This report describes the step-by-step process for the setup and presentation of the Battlefield Information Processing Branch's Intelligent Command and Control Demonstration. This demonstration was given in the Philip J Emmerman Computer Science Laboratory at the US Army Research Laboratory (ARL), Adelphi Laboratory Center (ALC), Maryland, as part of the 2017 Technical Assessment Board briefing. The demonstration integrates applications pertaining to the basic research supporting the Information Systems Experimentation Environment.

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In this demonstration, simulated data that have been federated are disseminated from the tactical operations center to 3 Android handheld devices. The first 2 handhelds represent a US Army and a US Air Force device running the Android Tactical Assault Kit (ATAK)¹ application software. The third handheld represents a US Marine device running the Kinetic Integrated Low-cost Software Integrated Tactical Combat Handheld (KILSWITCH) application software. ATAK is a mapping engine developed for Android, which allows for precision targeting, intelligence on surrounding land formations, navigation, and generalized situational awareness used by the US Air Force. KILSWITCH is a software application developed for Android tablets that provides Marines in the air and ground real-time situational awareness by using a map without having to be connected to a server.²

2. Physical Requirements

At this time, this demonstration can only be presented in the Philip J Emmerman Computer Science Laboratory at ARL-ALC. All necessary equipment for the demonstration is available at ARL.

3. Setup Procedure

This section describes each step in the setup for the Intelligent C2 Demonstration:

1. Turn on and set up monitors for the demonstration.

- a. Using the AMX video mixer, as shown in Fig. 1, select the first 3 monitor screens to display the corresponding Android devices. Select the fourth monitor screen to display the PowerPoint presentation.
 - i. Turn the center knob until the function Change appears in the window.
 - ii. Press the SELECT button.
 - iii. In the top row of INPUT buttons, select the number that corresponds to the Station number to which the handheld or laptop is connected.
 - iv. In the bottom row of OUTPUT buttons, select the number that corresponds to the monitor (1–4 left to right) that will display the handheld or computer output.
 - v. Press the TAKE button.
 - vi. Repeat steps ii–v for each input device and corresponding monitor.

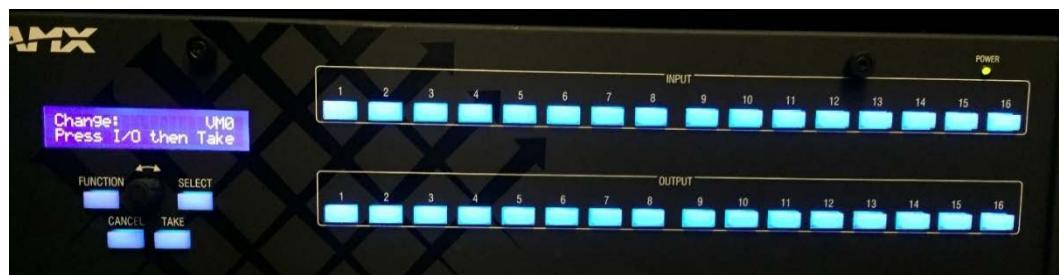


Fig. 1 AMX video mixer

2. Start the DSPro application on all Android tablets with the same session key.

- a. Click the “IHMC DSPro” icon  on the home screen.
- b. Modify the session key appropriately, as shown in Fig. 2, and press START.

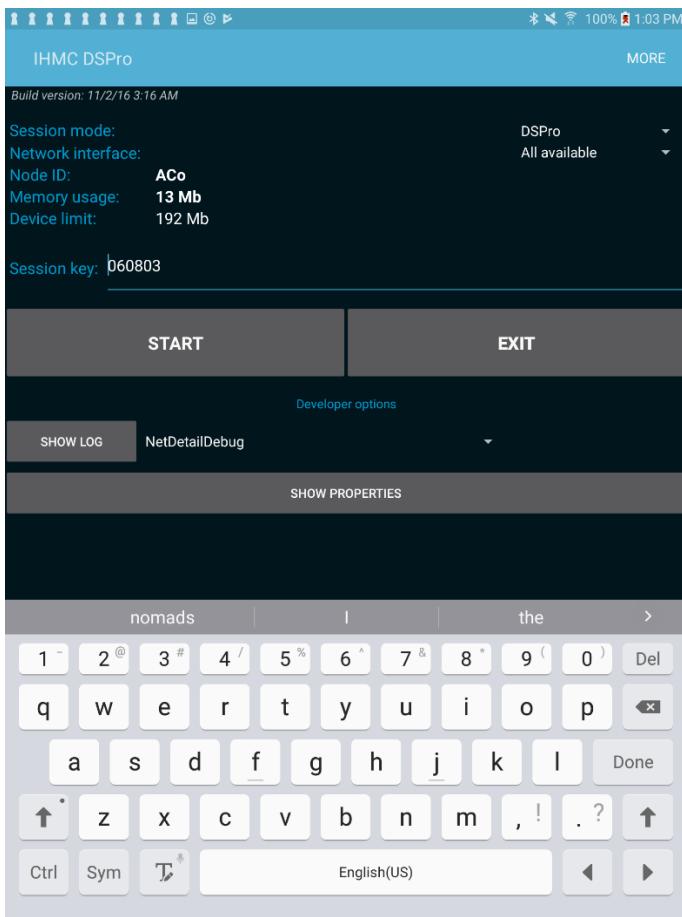


Fig. 2 IHMC DSPro screen

- c. Press the button on the Android.

3. Set up the computer/laptop.

For a list of IP addresses for the various systems, see the ISEE configuration details in the Appendix.



- a. Double click the “VMware vSphere” icon on the computer/laptop. The VMware Client selection window will appear as shown in Fig. 3.

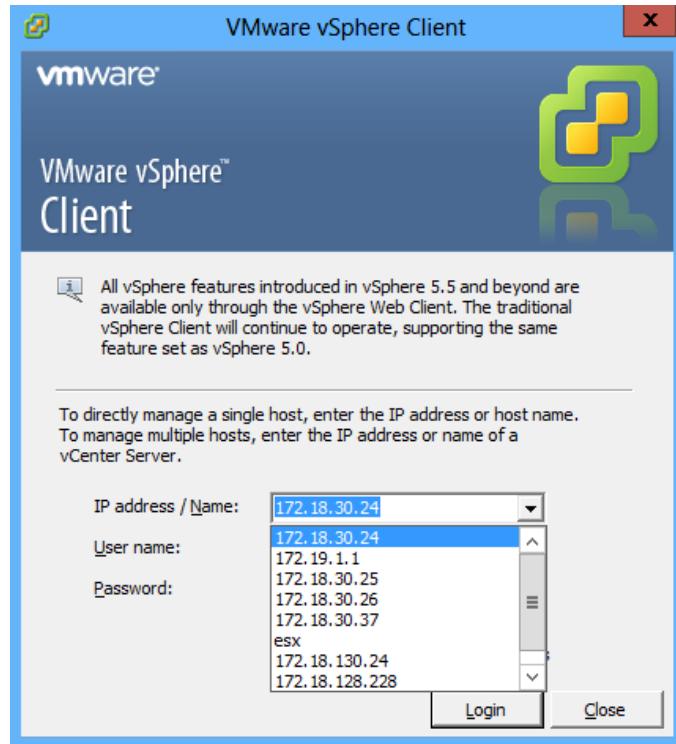


Fig. 3 VMware vSphere client selection window

- b. In the VMware vSphere Client selection window, use the dropdown menu for IP address/Name. Select 172.18.30.24 (esXi Server).
- c. Click Login. The 172.18.30.24 – vSphere Client window will appear as shown in Fig. 4.

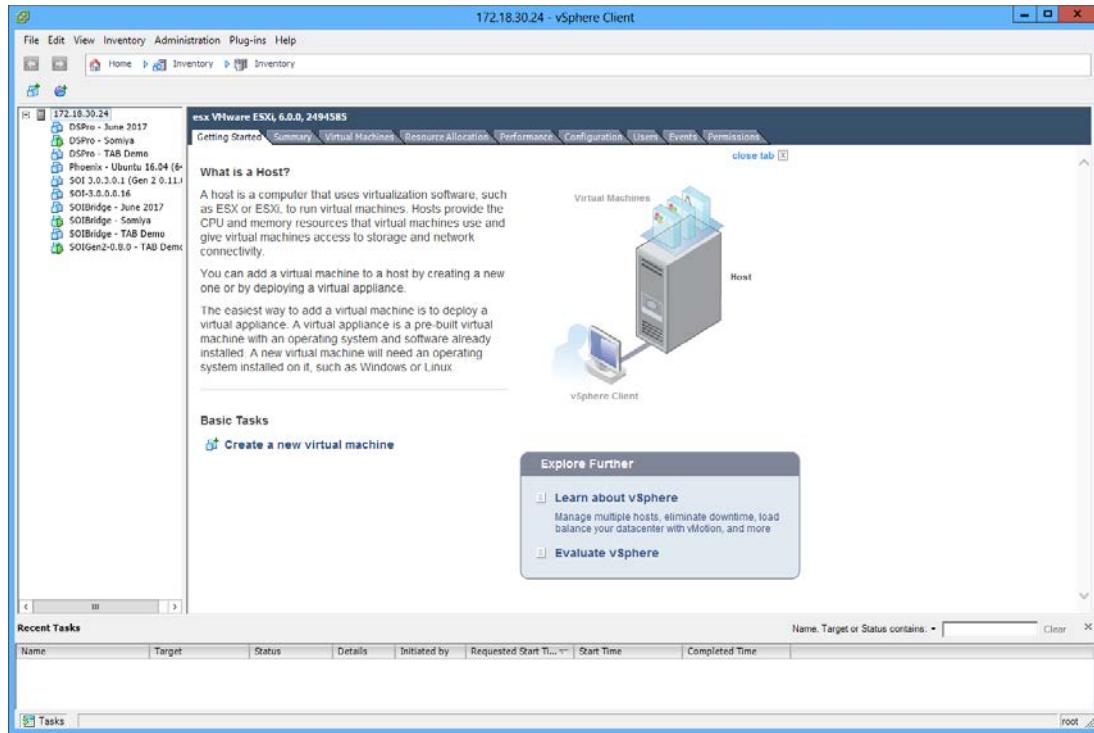


Fig. 4 172.18.30.24 – vSphere client window

4. Set up the virtual machines.

- a. In the left column of the 172.18.30.24 – vSphere Client window shown in Fig. 4, right click SOIGen2-0.8.0.
 - i. If it is not already running, select Power->Power On.
- b. In the left column of the 172.18.30.24 – vSphere Client window, right click SOIBridge.
 - i. If it is not already running, select Power->Power On.
 - ii. Right click SOIBridge->Open Console.
 - iii. The SOIBridge Console window will appear as shown in Fig. 5.

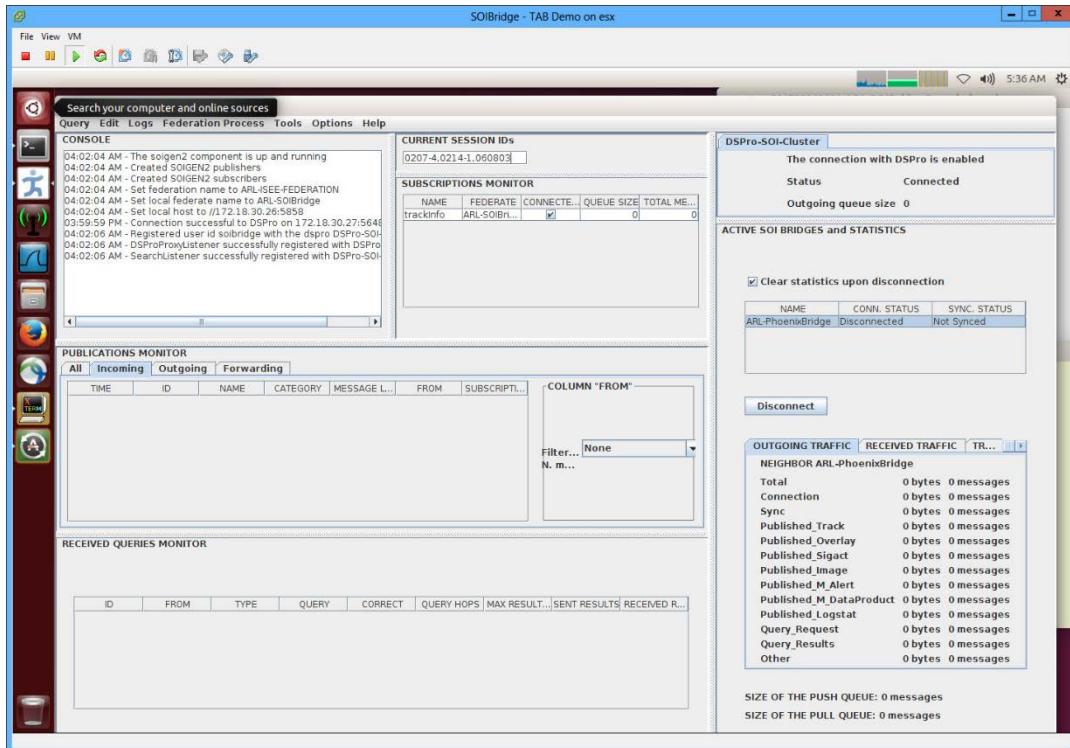


Fig. 5 SOI bridge console window with federation

- In the left column of the 172.18.30.24 – vSphere Client window, right click DSPro.
 - If it is not already running, select Power->Power On.
 - Right click DSPro->Open Console. Enter the password. The DSPro console window will appear as shown in Fig. 6.

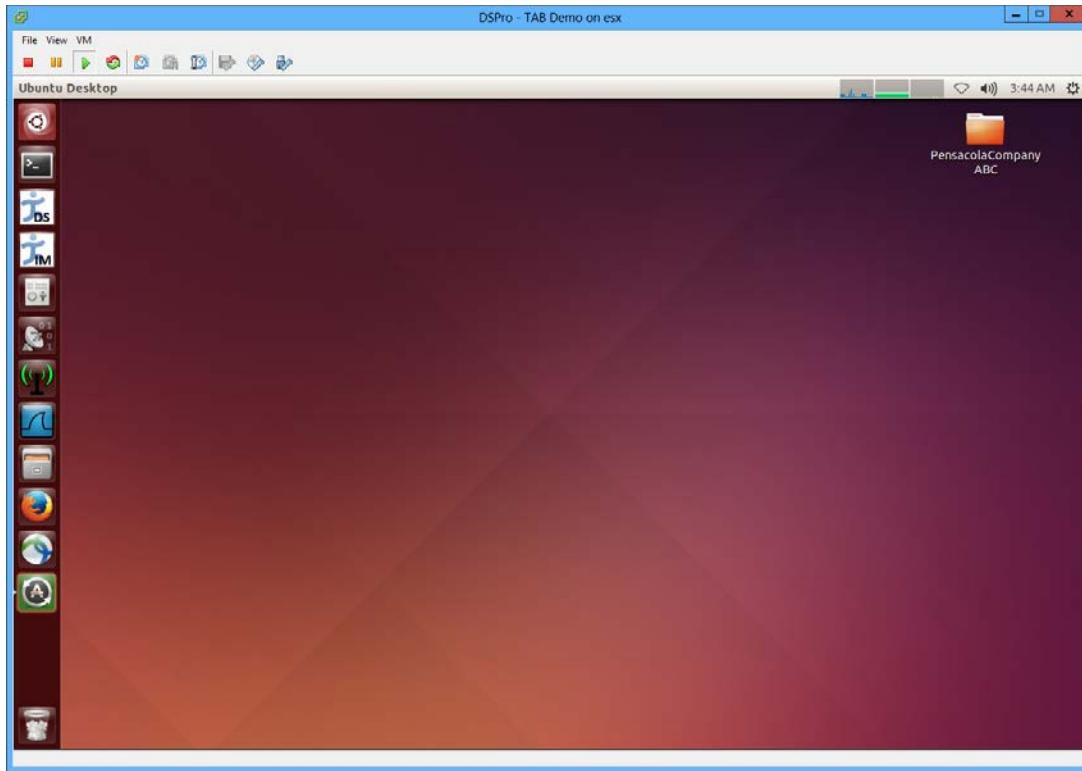


Fig. 6 DSPro Console window

5. Setup DSPro.

- a. In the DSPro VM window as shown in Fig. 6, click the “DS Pro” icon  on the left.
- b. Modify the session key to match with the session keys of DS Pro applications running on the Android tablets. (Note: It does not make a difference if one starts DSPro on the server or on Android devices first. Order does not matter.)
- c. Click the Start DSPro button.

6. Setup Information Manager (IM).

- a. In the DSPro VM window as shown in Fig. 6, click the IM icon  on left. (Note: If DSPro has been started on the tablets, then a list of peers should appear in the IM Window that runs on the server. If the list of peers does not appear in the IM Window, start DSPro on the tablets. See Section 2).
- b. In the IM window, verify if all 3 peers (Company A, B, and C) are visible in the List of Active Peers on the right as shown in Fig. 7.



Fig. 7 IM

7. Start ATAK on the 2 Android devices and KILSWITCH on third Android device.

a. ATAK:



- i. Click the “ATAK”  icon on the home screen.

b. KILSWITCH:



- i. Click the “KILSWITCH”  icon on the home screen.
- c. On both the ATAK and KILSWITCH applications, set up the map view:
 - i. Zoom to 2.8 around the Pensacola airport; it looks like a plus (+) sign.

8. Start the federation monitor on the computer/laptop.

- a. In the SOI Bridge Console window as shown in Fig. 5, click the “Federation” icon  to start the federation monitor. The Federation window will appear as shown in Fig. 5.

- b. Click Federation Process in the top menu bar:
 - i. Select Start Federation Locally.
 - ii. Modify the session key to match the session keys of DSPro applications running on the Android tablets.
 - iii. Click OK.

9. Connect DSPro on the Android devices.

- a. Do the following on the Android devices running ATAK:
 - i. Click menu.
 - ii. Select DSPro Tool.
 - iii. Select Connect To DSPro.
- b. This is not necessary on the KILSWITCH device.

10. Select the routes on the Android devices.

- a. Select Menu:
 - i. Select DSPro Tool.
 - ii. Click Submit Route button.
 - iii. Select Company A Company Pensacola, B Company Pensacola for ATAK, and C Co - Pensacola for KILSWITCH.
 - iv. Select .
 - v. The routes should appear on the map.

11. Run the prefabricated demonstration scripts on the computer.

- a. Return to SOIBridge Console.
 - i. Click on the terminal icon . The terminal window will appear as shown in Fig. 8.



Fig. 8 Terminal window

- ii. In the terminal window, type cd IHMC/code/federation/tools/SOIGen2-clients/scripts and hit the return key to change to the correct directory.
- iii. Type ./runPensacolaScenario.sh.
 1. Hit return to start the scenario.

12. Send the data.

- a. Return to IM Window in the DSPro Console.
 - i. Click File->Ingest...
 - ii. Select Desktop, open the folder PensacolaCompanyABC, select all (ctrl+a), and click open.
- b. Select “No” for Do you want to edit Metadata? The data will be sent.
- c. Then the documents will appear on the ATAK and KILSWITCH devices as shown in Figs. 9 and 10.

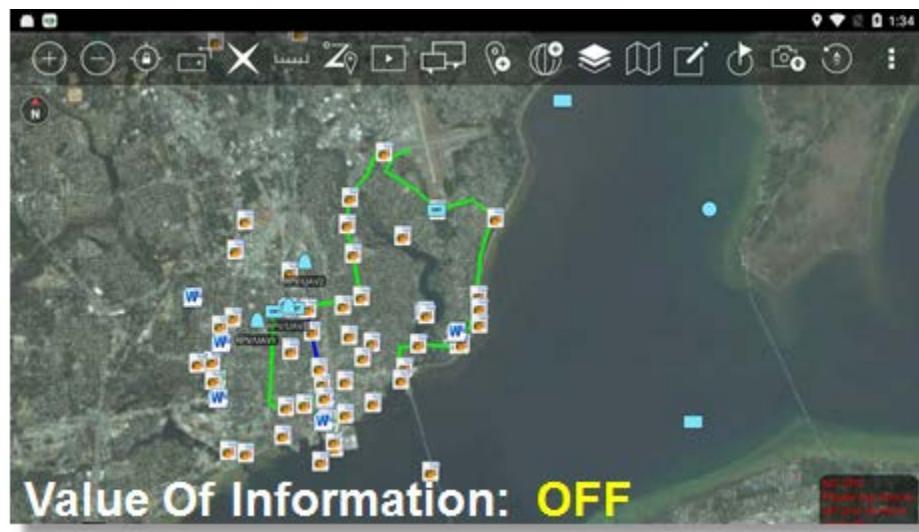


Fig. 9 ATAK device 1

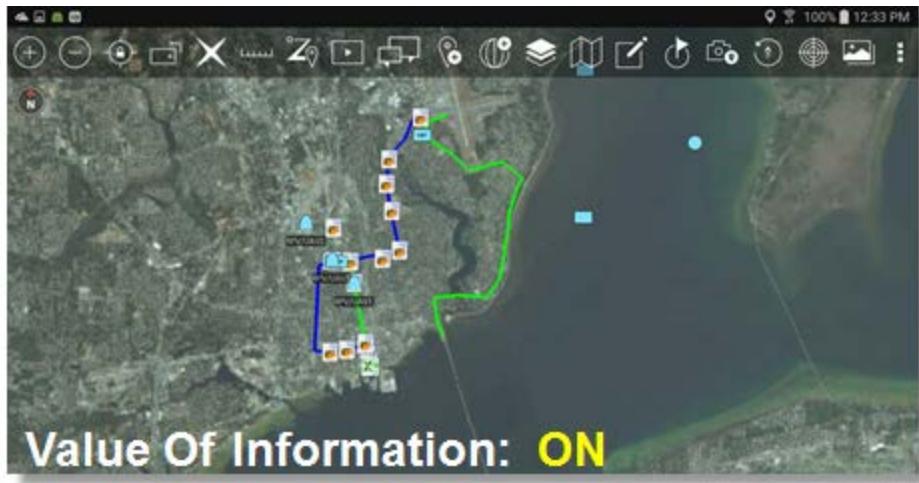


Fig. 10 ATAK device 2

13. Take a photo for the “live” demonstration.

- a. Return to the KILSWITCH Android device.
- b. Select Menu:
 - i. Select DSPro plugin.
 - ii. Select Take Picture Observation.
 - iii. Enter a title.
 - iv. Select .

- v. Enter Lat: 30.468975. Select .
- vi. Enter Lon: -87.162994 Select .
- vii. Click the Camera icon in the lower right corner.
- viii. Select Take Photo.
- ix. Aim and select the Camera icon.
- x. Select OK.
- xi. Select Confirm and send to DS PRO.

14. View the photo on Android A.

- a. Select the image on the map on Android A.
- b. Select DSProDataViewer.
- c. The image should appear.
 - If “Waiting for Data” appears on the screen, click REFRESH.

15. View the image for “chunking” on the Android device.

- a. Return to Company B Android device.
- b. Select an image on the ATAK map.
- c. Select DSProDataViewer.
- d. Click Select.
- e. Enclose a section of the image in which to enhance the definition using the rectangle.
- f. Select Request.
- g. That section of the image should appear in high resolution.

4. Conclusion

The Intelligent C2 Demonstration continues to be enhanced with the addition of new research capabilities as they become available. This report described all the steps required to present the demonstration in its current state. This document will need to be updated as new capabilities are added.

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Appendix. Configuration Details

ISEE Configurations Details

Network: 172.18.30.1-63

Netmask: 255.255.255.192

Default Gateway: 172.18.30.1

DNS Server: 172.18.30.10

DNS and DHCP servers are running on mule01, which is also 172.18.30.10

WiFiAccessPoint: 172.18.30.7

WiFi SSID: fresca2 and fresca5

WiFi Password:

DHCP Range: 172.18.30.40 to 172.18.30.60

Two ESXi Servers:

esXi1 – 172.18.30.24

esXi2 – 172.18.30.25

VMs

SOIBridge: 171.18.30.26

DSPro: 171.18.30.27

Soi: 172.18.30.36

Soi2: 172.18.30.37

Phoenix: 172.18.30.38

PhoenixBridge: 172.18.30.39

SOIBridge-AB17: 172.18.30.44

SOI2AB17: 172.18.30.51

DSPro-ab17: 172.18.30.45

List of Symbols, Abbreviations, and Acronyms

ARL	US Army Research Laboratory
ALC	Adelphi Laboratory Center
VoI	value of information
C2	command and control
ATAK	Android Tactical Assault Kit
KILSWITCH	Kinetic Integrated Low-cost Software Integrated Tactical Combat Handheld

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